

PATENT APPLICATION
Assignment

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the undersigned, co-inventors:

Michael R. Stallcup
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who have created a certain invention for which an application for United States Letters Patent entitled **REGULATION OF GENE EXPRESSION BY PROTEIN METHYLATION** was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 15, 1999, and assigned Serial Number 09/464,377;

Do hereby sell, assign and transfer to the University of Southern California, a non-profit corporation, having a place of business at 3716 South Hope Street, Suite 313, Los Angeles, California 90007-4344, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right to said invention and said application and to any and all inventions described in said invention and said application for the United States, its territorial possessions and all foreign countries, and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States, its territorial possessions and all foreign countries; and, to the extent required by obligations arising under our respective employment contracts with the University of Southern California, or pursuant to all applicable University policies, in and to any and all continuations-in-part, continuations, divisions, substitutes, reissues, extensions thereof, and all other applications for Letters Patent relating thereto which have been or shall be filed in the United States, its territorial possession and/or any foreign countries, and all rights, together with all priority rights, under any of the international conventions, unions, agreements, act, and treaties, including all future conventions, unions, agreements, acts, and treaties;

Agree that the University of Southern California, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, may apply for and receive Letters Patent for said invention and said inventions, hereinafter referred to as said invention, in its own name, in the United States, its territorial possessions, and all foreign countries; and that, when requested to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the undersigned will, to the extent required by obligations arising under our respective employment contracts with the University of Southern California, or pursuant to all applicable University policies, execute all continuations-in-part, continuations, divisions, substitutes, reissues, extensions thereof, execute all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers, testify in any legal or quasi legal proceedings; communicate to said Assignee, its successors, assigns or legal representatives all facts known to the undersigned relating to said invention and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which said Assignee, its successors, assigns, or legal representatives shall consider desirable for aiding in securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for said invention and for vesting title to said invention and all

applications for patents on said invention in said Assignee, successors, assigns, or legal representatives; and

Covenant with said Assignee, its successors, assigns, or legal representatives that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by the undersigned, and that full right to convey the same has herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned.

IN THE TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have hereunto set my signature on the date indicated below.

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Date: 3/4/00

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